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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Ms Priya Promod



Celebrating Learning and Fostering a Spirit of Joy

The past few months have been a vibrant tapestry of learning and festivity at the Charter School as our students consistently demonstrated a remarkable spirit of inquiry, creativity, and compassion, enriching our school community in countless ways.

The Innovation Expo was a testament to their boundless potential. Witnessing our young learners showcase their creative expressions, appreciation for diversity, and respect for others was truly inspiring. The senior students, with their innovative solutions to real-world challenges, seamlessly blended technology and practicality, demonstrating a deep understanding of the world around them.

As the festive season of Christmas approached, the Charter community embraced the spirit of joy and giving. The heartwarming sight of tiny tots decorating cookies alongside their parents created cherished memories. The Grade 1 and 2 students captivated the audience with their mesmerizing Christmas presentation, leaving a lasting emotional impact. The Carol Singing Competition and Class Decoration Competition added a festive sparkle to the year-end celebrations.

The CSSRC charity drive led by the Grade 9 students, spread festive cheer among the inmates of Sneha Sadan, embodying the true spirit of Christmas. The Christmas Gala Lunch and the joyous Class Celebrations provided a fitting finale to a year filled with learning, growth, and unforgettable moments.

At Charter we believe that celebrating learning and embracing diverse cultures fosters a spirit of inquiry, creativity, and compassion in our students. Let us continue this positive spirit as we move to yet another year with limitless possibilities!



The Connect Team

A Time for Reflection and Celebration

As the year drew to a close, the festive spirit filled our school with warmth and cheer. December brought with it a special happiness, a spring in one's step. The cool weather was an added bonus. It was a time when the entire school community came together, sharing laughter, joy, and the contagious spirit of the season. Whether it was with a shared smile, or with a shared snack, or decorating together - the spirit of sharing got a boost.

This December, we took a moment to pause, reflect, and introspect. We cherished the memories we had created, the lessons we had learned, and the growth we had experienced throughout the year. The new year will undoubtedly bring with it new challenges and exciting opportunities. Let us embrace the future with optimism and a renewed sense of purpose.

But before stepping into the unknown, we celebrated 2024 for the wonderful year it had been. We expressed gratitude for the support and encouragement we had received from each other.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year filled with joy, peace, and prosperity!

THE CONNECT TEAM

Daksha H (G9)
Joshiah Alwin John (G9)
Sria Karthika S (G9)
Abhikrishna Anil (G11)
Judah Vijai Wilson (G11)

Ms Serafin Ann
Ms Meera Sankar
Ms Megha Susan
Ms Riya Raj
Ms Nihala Moosa
Ms Tesma Joby

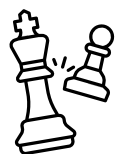
OUR STUDENTS, OUR PRIDE!



TAEKWONDO TRIUMPHS!

Congratulations to **Rumaan Ubais Ali** of Grade 9 for his outstanding performance at the National Taekwondo Championship in Goa! Rumaan showcased his exceptional skills and determination, winning a Silver medal in Team Sparring and two Bronze medals in individual categories.

This is a remarkable achievement, and we are incredibly proud of Rumaan's dedication and hard work.



CHESS STAR STRIKES AGAIN!!



Congratulations to **Naveed Navas** of Grade 6 for securing an impressive 8th position in the Junior Chess Fiesta: U-12 category, conducted by the Premier Chess Institute!

Keep up the excellent work, Naveed! We look forward to many more victories in the future.



BEYOND THE FINISH LINE : MARATHON HEROES

We are incredibly proud of **Advait Prakash** of Grade 10, **Siddharth Krishnan** of Grade 8, **Gautam Nikil** of Grade 4, and **Devan S Nair** of Grade 5 for their impressive participation in recent marathons across the city! These young athletes demonstrated dedication, perseverance, and a strong spirit as they challenged themselves to cross the finish line.



OUR STUDENTS, OUR PRIDE!



SUCCESS AT THE IGKO!



We are thrilled to announce that the results for the International General Knowledge Olympiad (IGKO) have been released! A total of 68 of our dedicated students participated in this prestigious competition.

We are overjoyed to share that an impressive 12 of our students have achieved the **Gold Medal of Excellence!** Congratulations to all our participants for their hard work and dedication. We are incredibly proud of your accomplishment!

Winner's List

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| 1. Kiara Miriam Varikkatt (G1A) | 7. David Abraham Thamarappallil (G3Z) |
| 2. Elizabeth Eldho Meleth (G1Z) | 8. Jonathan Abraham Paul (G5A) |
| 3. Ivaneah Sarah Panicker (G1Z) | 9. Manav Arun Puliyeril (G5A) |
| 4. Rohan Dev Ron (G2B) | 10. Ritika Syam (G5A) |
| 5. Anwita Syam (G2Z) | 11. Naveed Navas (G6A) |
| 6. Charvi S (G2Z) | 12. Renetta Maria (G7A) |



LEADERSHIP IN ACTION: : YI PARLIAMENT NATIONALS

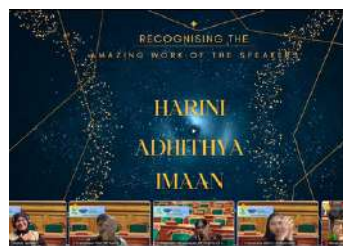
We are immensely proud of **Imaan Hawaa Hafiz** of Grade 12, who represented our school at the Young Indians Parliament National Finals in Delhi.

Imaan embarked on this challenging journey through rigorous online sessions after which she was nominated as a candidate for Deputy Speaker. After a competitive voting process, she secured the second-highest number of votes and was elected as the Deputy Speaker of the Young Indians Parliament Nationals.

Imaan carried out her responsibilities as Deputy Speaker with skill and dedication at the Nationals, showcasing her exceptional leadership qualities, eloquence, and ability to inspire others.

This is a remarkable achievement, and we are incredibly proud of Imaan's outstanding performance.

Congratulations Imaan! We are confident that you will achieve even greater heights in the future.



A Celebration of Brilliance, Innovation and Creativity!

The Innovation Expo 2024 for Grades 6-9 and 11 was a remarkable event, leaving attendees inspired and immensely proud of our students' creativity, innovation and proactive skills. Here, young passionate minds presented groundbreaking solutions to real-world challenges, using the 21st Century Skills, displaying a perfect blend of technology and practicality.



From financial literacy app for kids, solar-powered delivery vehicle for enclosed areas, smart walking stick and shoes for the visually impaired, to tackling homelessness through affordable floating homes, bioluminescent drones for plastic waste management, disaster-resilient technologies and many more brilliant ideas inspired by what the kids have seen around or experienced themselves.

The Expo also tackled societal challenges like mental health, traffic management, smart irrigation systems conserving water, cyberbullying etc, all while mindfully following the SDG protocols.



This extraordinary event not only celebrated the students' innovative spirit but also reinforced the belief that the future is safe in the hands of these bright visionaries.

TWINKLE TRAIL TO MERRYLAND- A CHRISTMAS GALA BY G1 & G2



The power packed students of Grades 1 and 2 mesmerized the audience with their captivating performance, embarking on a magical quest to retrieve the Christmas star. The enchanting skit, high-energy dances, and harmonious choir songs had everyone spellbound and singing along!



The grand finale featuring Santa's majestic arrival left the audience in awe. But the excitement didn't stop there - thrilling cartwheel, hoola hoop, and juggling acts added a dazzling touch to the show!

'Twinkle Trail to Merry Land' was a truly unforgettable Christmas celebration that will shine brightly in memories forever!



A CHRISTMAS TO CHERISH



Cookie Decor Day (Pre-K)

Laughter bubbled up like frosting on a cupcake as families gathered for an enchanting Cookie Decor Day! The air was alive with the delightful aroma of freshly baked cookies and the hum of creativity as parents and children teamed up to turn plain treats into edible masterpieces!



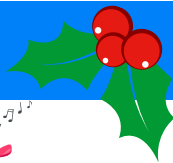
Christmas Flash Mob

A first at The Charter School, and the students of Grade 1 and 2 aced it and how!

To ring in the festivities and to announce about the Christmas event hosted by them, the enthusiastic students did a flash mob, leaving the spectators spellbound while the music reverberated across the campus.



A CHRISTMAS TO CHERISH!



Carols Fill the Air!



The festive spirit at the Inter-House Carol Singing Competition was truly contagious!

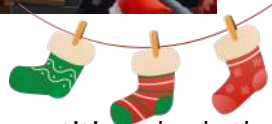
Each house presented a captivating performance, filling the air with beautiful melodies and spreading Christmas cheer.

Congratulations to House Phoenix for securing the 1st prize, and to House Columba for achieving a commendable 2nd place.

A special thanks to our esteemed judges, Ms. Merin Ann and Mr. Manoj Kuruvila.



Deck the Halls!



The Christmas Class Decor Competition had the students excitedly transforming their classrooms into Christmas wonderlands! Creativity overflowed as students filled their classes with sparkling decorations, glowing lights and handcrafted ornaments, creating a truly magical atmosphere.

Congratulations to Grade 7A for winning 1st place and to Grade 6Z for coming in at a close 2nd!

A special thanks to the judges for the competition, Ms. Ambili and Ms. Navneetha, who were given the extremely difficult task of selecting the winners!



A Festive Feast!

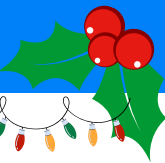


The Annual Christmas Feast saw the whole school coming together to share a delectable Christmas lunch. The festive atmosphere was palpable as the cafeteria hall was filled with laughter and the aroma of delicious delicacies.

The feast offered a diverse array of culinary delights, satisfying every palate.

A shoutout to our dedicated cafeteria staff, who not only prepared a feast for the tastebuds but also created a visual spectacle with their beautifully presented dishes!

A CHRISTMAS TO CHERISH!



Christmas festivities at The Charter School kickstarted with students decking up their classrooms for Christmas, setting the tone for a joyous season. Following a lively Christmas celebration, students gathered for a class party, where the excitement reached its peak as they finally discovered their Secret Santa. The day made for an unforgettable Christmas experience.



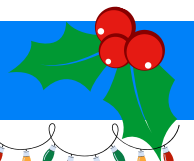
Pre-Primary



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A CHRISTMAS TO CHERISH!



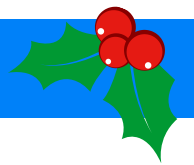
The middle and senior school celebrated the holiday season with great enthusiasm, bringing the Christmas spirit alive on campus. Dressed in festive Christmas colours of red, white & green, the students brought warmth and cheer to every corner of the school. The classes were beautifully decorated showcasing their creativity. The much anticipated secret Santa gift exchange where students shared thoughtful gifts, added on to the joy of giving and receiving reflecting the true spirit of the season. A class party followed with fun games and delicious snacks.



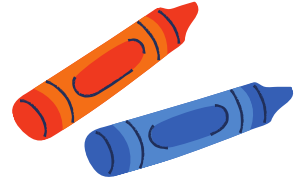
A Special Surprise!

Our dedicated support staff were not left out of the Christmas festivities. A surprise treat was arranged for our ever-helpful 'chechis'. This small gesture was a token of appreciation for their hard work and dedication in ensuring a smooth and supportive learning environment for all students.





Interactive session by Ms. Therese , parent of Adam (K2A) and Ms. Aneeta , parent of Jonathan (K1A)



Learning IS FUN!



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BEYOND THE WALLS OF THE CLASSROOM : FIELD TRIP (K1)



A WATER METRO ADVENTURE!



The K1 students went on a fascinating learning adventure as they explored the world of transportation through a delightful Water Metro Trip.

The journey was filled with excitement and wonder as the young learners marveled at the mesmerizing scenery surrounding them.



ACTIVITIES @ CHARTER



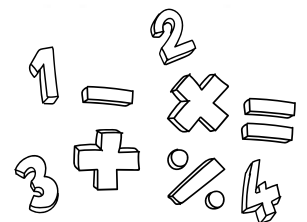
BUILDING A SAFETY MINDSET - EXPERT TALK BY MR PRAVEEN GANAPATHY

Our Grade 9 and 11 students had the incredible opportunity to attend a thought-provoking seminar on 'Building a Safety Mindset' led by Mr Praveen Ganapathy, a seasoned Safety Expert serving as the Global Director - Safety Development at KONE Corporation, Finland.

The session emphasised the importance of cultivating safety awareness not just as a practice but as a way of life.

LOGIQIDS MENTAL APTITUDE OLYMPIAD 2024-25

Students from Grades 1 to 9 recently participated in the LogiQids Math Olympiad. We are proud to announce that an impressive 246 out of 398 students have successfully qualified for the final round of this challenging competition. Congratulations to all the qualifiers and wish them the very best in the upcoming final round.



PARAKH RASHTRIYA SARVEKSHAN 2024

Our Grade 3 students participated in PARAKH Rashtriya Sarvekshan 2024. This significant initiative represents one of India's largest educational surveys, involving students from Grades 3, 6, and 9.

Aligned with the core objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP), PARAKH meticulously assesses the competencies of students across the different stages of education



EMPATHY IN ACTION : CSSRC



Sneha Sadan Visit : Spreading Holiday Cheer

In keeping with the tradition of giving back during Christmas, the Charter students embraced the spirit of the season by collecting a generous assortment of items to donate to Sneha Sadan Old Age Home. The responsibility of organizing the collection drive was given to us, the students of Grade 9, under the guidance of the CSSRC.

The entire experience from start to finish was very special. At first, when we started collecting and packing things, it felt like just another school activity. But as we arranged everything, we imagined how these little gifts could brighten someone's day and it started to feel more personal.



On the day of the visit to Sneha Sadan, they welcomed us with warm smiles and so much kindness. It didn't take long to feel at home.

We handed out the gifts, and seeing how happy they were, even for the simplest things, made all the effort worth it. But what stood out the most were the performances.

We sang and danced for them, and they cheered us on. Then they took over, singing old songs and dancing.

It wasn't just about giving them things, it was about the time we spent together. They shared stories, jokes, and songs, and we shared our energy and excitement.

By the end of the day, it felt like we had gained so much more than we gave. We walked away feeling grateful, not just for the experience but for the reminder that even small gestures and moments can create big memories.

Sria Karthika S , G9

A TOUCH OF GRATITUDE : YI THALIR

A Thank You to Those Who Keep Us Safe!



This Christmas, the students of Yi Thalir, inspired by Yi Thalir's Road Safety Vertical took the initiative to thank our school bus drivers and attendants for their valuable contribution to keeping us safe during our daily travel.

As part of this program, the Charter School Thalir team handed over two greeting cards, given by Yi Thalir, to show gratitude to the drivers. The cards were handed over in the presence of the Road Safety Head, the in-charge teacher (Ms Annu), the Thalir team, and four members from Cochin International School.

Inspired by this thoughtful act, the students of Charter School made their own handmade cards for each bus driver and attendant to show appreciation.

This initiative reminds us of the importance of thanking those who work hard behind the scenes to take care of us every day.

Judah Vijai Wilson, G11



CAP : TOWARDS A GREENER FUTURE



As 2024 came to a close, CAP@Charter (Climate Action Project) launched an inspiring initiative encouraging children to celebrate the festive season with a meaningful gesture—planting a tree. This campaign, aptly titled “A Unique Gift to the World,” captured the hearts of our community and fostered a shared commitment to environmental sustainability.

The campaign’s message was simple yet profound: plant a tree as a symbol of life, growth, and hope for a brighter future. The response was nothing short of overwhelming!



This campaign was not just about planting trees; it was about planting seeds of awareness and responsibility.

CAP@Charter extends heartfelt thanks to all participants for making this initiative a success. The trees planted stand as a lasting legacy of our community’s dedication to a greener, healthier planet. Together, let’s continue driving positive change—one tree at a time!

Guardians of the Digital Realm : Would you like to be a CYBER SECURITY PROFESSIONAL?



What are the advantages and disadvantages?

Advantages

- Remote Options: Flexible schedules and work-from-home opportunities.
- Impactful Career: Make a meaningful difference in security.
- Global Opportunities: Skills in demand worldwide.

Disadvantages

- High Stress: Constant pressure to prevent and respond to cyber threats.
- Repetitive Tasks: Some roles involve routine monitoring and maintenance.
- Unpredictable Workload: Unexpected breaches or attacks can disrupt schedules.

Job opportunities in the field of cyber security

- Software Developer: Create and maintain software applications.
- Network Administrator: Manage and secure computer networks.
- Cybersecurity Analyst: Protect against cyber threats.
- IT Project Manager: Oversee and coordinate IT projects.

What does a cyber security professional do?

- Risk Assessment: Identify vulnerabilities and mitigate risks.
- System Monitoring: Continuously monitor networks for threats.
- Security Implementation: Set up firewalls, encryption, and access controls.
- Testing: Test systems to find and fix weaknesses.
- Training: Train staff on security best practices.

What are the scopes of advancements in this profession ?

- Entrepreneurship: Develop security tools or launch cybersecurity startups.
- Academia: Teach or conduct cybersecurity research.
- Emerging Tech: Explore AI, quantum computing, and blockchain in security.

Future Job Options

- AI Ethics Consultant: Advise on the ethical implications of AI.
- 5G Network Engineer: Build and maintain next-gen 5G networks.
- Cybersecurity Automation Specialist: Automate threat detection and response.

INNOVATIVE EDUCATORS

Exploring Possibilities

The School Counsellor, Ms. Sindhu Deepak represented Charter as a panelist at the Kedge Business School India Launch & Panel Discussion held at IFIM College, Electronic City, Bengaluru. The event focused on the theme: "Fostering seamless transitions between high schools and universities through collaboration and skill alignment."

Congratulations, Ms. Sindhu, on this remarkable achievement! We are proud of your contribution and this great news!



Slam Dunk Success!

Mr. Arun Babu, our energetic basketball coach, and his team were the champions of the Master's State Games held at Kozhikode by the Master's Games Association.

Congratulations Arun Sir! You are truly an inspiration for our budding school athletes!

Marathon Milestones

Pushing personal boundaries and achieving goals, regardless of the distance, is an incredible feat.

We applaud Ms. Anisha for her impressive participation in the 5K Santa Run and Ms. Mercy for completing the challenging 10K race.

A special shout-out to Ms. Mercy, who secured an impressive third place in her category – a truly remarkable achievement. Well done, Ms. Mercy!



Enriching Learning: Staff Development Program Sessions

Our recent Staff Development (SDP) sessions provided valuable insights and opportunities for professional growth.



Ms. Asha and Ms. Sherin conducted an engaging session on effective classroom management strategies. The session explored various techniques to create a positive and conducive learning environment, fostering student engagement and discipline.

Furthermore, the IGNITE team presented a captivating session that offered teachers a glimpse into the dynamic and innovative classroom activities of the IGNITE program.

Our Math teachers Ms Arathy & Ms Deepa also had an enriching experience at the CBP session for Math held at Chinmaya Vidyalyaya, Vaduthala.

CREATIVE IMPRESSIONS



Mariano Shaijan G1 B



Leanne Joby- G2 Z



Anwita Syam- G2 Z



Ilhaam Arif G2 B



Ivaneah Sarah Panicker- G1 Z



Aadi Rahul- G1 A



Zairah Elizabeth Abraham- G2 A



Karthikeyan Krishnan G6



Sidarth Sumesh G6



Misha Arun Puliyeril- G2 B



Austin Kyros Basil G5



Serah Robin G6



Nehara Serah John G4

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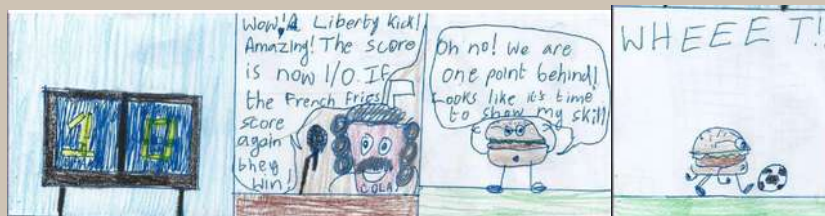
Gouri V Sanker G8



Diya Ratish G4



Dhwani Namboodiri G4



Find out what happens in the next edition of Charter Connect!!

Junky Kingdom Hosts a Football Match Part 4
A comic strip series by Joshiah Alwin John, G9

Watch out for more fun!



Upcoming Events in January

- G12 Graduation & Farewell
- Pre-Primary and G1&G2 Annual Sports Day
- Annual Day - February 1

Unleash your creativity!

Share your awesome stories, art, and ideas for the next edition of Charter Connect!

Send submissions to serafin@cochins.org by 27th of January.



Show us your love!



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